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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE GRAY SCALE OF PLASMA  
DISPLAY DEVICE

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Sir:

On February 26, 2003, an *Ex parte* Quayle Office Action was received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the subject application. Applicants prepared and filed an Amendment in response to the February 26, 2003 Office Action, on April 24, 2003.

On March 31, 2004, Applicants' attorney of record conducted a telephone conference with Examiner Paul A. Bell to ascertain the status of the subject application; Examiner Bell indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for correcting a few minor matters of form. In response, Applicants prepared and filed, on April 1, 2004, a Communication and Amendment responsive to the telephone conference with Examiner Bell.

The foregoing activities are of record, as evidenced by the current PAIR report, copy enclosed.

To date, Applicants have not received any further communications from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and still are awaiting receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully request a report on the status of the above-identified patent application, including an indication as to when a next communication can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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